Financial assistance for Tourism Sector in Assam

2079. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the projects and financial assistance sanctioned, released and utilised for development of tourism sector during the last three years in the State of Assam;

(b) the details of achievements made so far in this regard; and

(c) what are the new projects formulated for the development in the State?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) Financial assistance provided by the Department of Tourism, Government of India for tourism related projects during last three years and achievements thereof are as under:—

Year	No. of projects sanctioned	No. of projects completed	Amount sanctioned (Rupees in lakhs)
1999-2000	15	1	357.35
2000-2001	12	1	338.35
2001-2002	7	2	397.50

Remaining projects are in various stages of implementation.

(c) Department of Tourism, Government of India has identified following tourism circuit in the NE Region for integrated development:

Shillong-Guwahati-Kaziranga-Tezpur-Bhalakpung-Tawang (Arunachal Pradesh)-Majuli-Sibsagar-Kohima.

Besides it is proposed to develop a major tourist destination each year during the 10th Plan.

Development of tourism circuits in Orissa

2080. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared a new scheme to identify tourism circuits across the country and develop them to international standards;